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(1.) REFTEL REPORTED ANOMALY IN NON-IMMIGRANT VISA MAN-HOURS FOR FY-74, FY-75, AND FY-76 AS SHOWN IN MAZATLAN'S CONSULAR PACKAGE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT, OUR FIGURES BEING ROUGHLY ONE-THIRD THE ACTUAL NIV MANHOURS (1,475 IN FY-72 AND 1,675 IN FY-73) REPORTED IN PREVIOUS CONSULAR PACKAGES. DISCOVERY THAT OUR FIGURES AS REPORTED WERE INADVERTANTLY FOR HALF-YEAR ONLY FAILED TO REMOVE THE ANOMALY.

(2.) AN EXAMINATION OF THE ORIGINAL FIGURES, TAKEN FROM OUR FS-258'S, SHOWED, AS MENTIONED IN REFTEL, A CONSTANT TOTAL OF 222 MAN-HOURS WORKED IN EACH OF THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF FY-74. THIS FIGURE WAS EITHER A YEARS-OLD HOLDOVER FROM REPORTING IN A FAR MORE LEISURELY TIME OR AN OUTRIGHT MIS-CALCULATION WHICH EVIDENTALLY HAD PERSISTED UNCORRECTED FOR SOME TIME. ALL POST COPIES OF WORK ESTIMATES FOR FS-258'S WERE THEREFORE REDONE FROM JUNE, 1971 TO THE PRESENT IN ORDER TO REFLECT THE TRUE REALITIES OF THE WORKLOAD AT THIS POST, AND THE NON-IMMIGRANT VISA SECTION OF THE "CONSULAR PACKAGE FY-1976" RE-CALCULATED FOR RESUBMISSION BELOW. PERSONNEL WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR QUARTERLY SUBMISSION OF WORKLOAD ON FUTURE SF-258'S HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED ON HOW THIS FIGURE SHALL BE CALCULATED, TO AVOID FUTURE PROBLEMS OF THIS TYPE.
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(3.) THE FOLLOWING CORRECTS SCHEDULE 2 OF THE "CONSULAR PACKAGE FY-1976" AS SUBMITTED IN MAZATLAN'S TELEGRAM 0122:

SCHEDULE 2:	FY-1974	FY-1975	FY-1976
ETC			
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MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:	MAN-HOURS (OBSERVED)	MAN-HOURS (ESTIMATED)	MAN-HOURS (ESTIMATED)
AMERICANS:			
FULL TIME PERMANENT ASSIGNED	859	1,047	1,433
TEMPORARY ASSIGNED PERSONNEL	0	0	0
PART-TIME AND INTERMITTENT	0	0	0
SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN-HOURS	859	1,047	1,433
LOCALS:			
FULL TIME PERMANENT ASSIGNED	1,322	1,686	2,193
TEMPORARY ASSIGNED PERSONNEL	0	0	0
PART-TIME AND INTERMITTENT	0	0	0
SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN-HOURS	1,322	1,686	2,193
TOTAL PRODUCTIVE MAN-HOURS	2,181	2,733	3,626
	(OBSERVED)	(ESTIMATED)	(ESTIMATED)

(4.) THE FOLLOWING ARE CORRECTIONS TO TWO OF THE "NOTES" MADE IN SCHEDULE 5, THE "CONSULAR WORKLOAD REPORT AND REMARKS/JUSTIFICATIONS":

(A)- CORRECTION TO "NOTE 1"
NON-IMMIGRANT VISA CASE NUMBERS INCREASED AN OBSERVED 21.1 PER CENT BETWEEN FY-72 AND FY-73, AND AN OBSERVED 30.3 PER CENT BETWEEN FY-73 AND FY-74. HAVING REVIEWED THE VISA WORKLOAD FIGURES FOR SCHEDULE 2, WE NOW FORSEE VISA CASE NUMBER INCREASES OF 28.7 PER CENT BETWEEN FY-74 AND FY-75, AND 29.0 PER CENT BETWEEN FY-75 AND FY-76, RESPECTIVELY.

VISA WORKLOAD IN TOTAL MAN-HOURS INCREASED AN OBSERVED 30.2 PER
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CENT BETWEEN FY-73 AND FY-74 (INCORRECTLY REPORTED AS 17.8 PER CENT IN NOTE 1 OF OUR ORIGINAL REPORT), AND IT IS PROJECTED TO INCREASE ANOTHER 25.3 PER CENT BETWEEN FY-74 AND FY-75, WITH A FURTHER INCREASE OF 32.7 PER CENT BETWEEN FY-75 AND FY-76. THESE INCREASES ARE DUE TO MORE SHIPS IN PORT WITH CREW LISTS TO CHECK; MORE VISA REQUESTS DUE TO GREATER MOBILITY, AS PROSPERITY IN THE AREA BECOMES MORE AND MORE GENERALIZED; ISSUANCE OF MORE BORDER CROSSING CARDS, ONCE THE PRESENT ANOMALOUS SITUATION WITH

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REGARD TO THEIR POSSIBLE UNAUTHORIZED USE AS SUBSTITUTES FOR THE FEE-STATUS BUSINESS VISAS IS TAKEN CARE OF; AND SO FORTH. THE INCREASES IN WORKLOAD FORSEEN ABOVE ARE PART OF THE REASON THAT IN SCHEDULE 6 WE ARE ASKING FOR AN INCREASE OF ONE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN GENERAL POSITION AND ONE ADDITIONAL LOCAL GENERAL POSITION FOR FY-1976.

(B)- CORRECTION TO "NOTE 4"
VISA WORKLOAD IN FY-1974 WAS 47.9 PER CENT OVER THAT HANDLED IN FY-1972. NOTE 1 WAS CORRECTED TO SHOW 25.3 PER CENT AND 32.7 PER CENT INCREASES RESPECTIVELY IN FY-1975 AND FY-1976, OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THIS MEANS WE FORSEE A FY-1976 VISA WORKLOAD WHICH IS 66.3 PER CENT INCREASED OVER THAT SUBSTANTIAL WORKLOAD OBSERVED FOR FY-1974. ALL FURTHER STATEMENTS IN NOTE 4 REGARDING THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF HANDLING THIS INCREASE WITHOUT A CORRESPONDING STAFF INCREASE, GIVEN THAT ALL OTHER DEMANDS FOR CONSULAR SERVICES ARE RISING AT SIMILAR RATES, REMAIN TRUE AS STATED IN OUR ORIGINAL TELEGRAPHIC REPORT.
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